

6. (Once Amended) The process according to claim [1]4, wherein the thickness  
C of the amorphous layer of said membrane is < 10  $\mu\text{m}$ , preferably < 2  $\mu\text{m}$

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The foregoing amendment serves to correct minor claim dependencies not effecting  
the scope of the claims.

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Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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